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In re Application of

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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW  
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 24, 2006

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reasons provided do not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulation states, “[a] practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office[.]” More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, “[i]f paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is” for one the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reasons set forth in the request, “no longer a client of the firm”, does not meet any the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40.


In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being

submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (e.g., reel and frame number). The power of attorney filed on May 13, 2004 does not include one of the above two options. Furthermore the acceptance letter that was mailed on June 18, 2004 is hereby vacated.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the first listed address until below until otherwise notified by applicant.

There is an outstanding Office action that was mailed on June 14, 2006 that requires a response by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to April Wise at 571-272-1642.

  
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